the Earth, be ſcorched up and wither'd, nor paſs into the pores of Plants.

Sixthly, he delivers the Artificial manner of Extracting and Refining of Niter; after he had firſt inform'd his Reader, How it may be known, whether a place be impregnated with Niter or no?

Seventhly, he giveth the *Vertues* and *Uſes* of Niter; *firſt* in *Phyſick*; where he affirms it to be not only *Cooling*, at leaſt by removing hot humors, whereby the Body may become cooler; but alſo *Reſolving*, *Purgative* and *Diuretical*: Upon the ſcore of all which properties 'tis uſed not only in *Burning Feavers*, in the form of the *Lapis prunellæ*, (the preparation of which he deſcribeth;) but alſo in thoſe Diſeaſes, in which are to be diſcharged by ſiege and Urine, hot, ſharp, cholerick and obſtructive humors. Having diſpatched this Medicinal uſe, he proceeds *next* to the uſe of Niter in *Chymiſtry*; where he obſerveth that by it may be made a pleaſant and cooling Acid; or a hot and burning Corroſive: that ſometimes it revives the Vomitive and Purgative vertue of *Antimony*, ſometimes it kills the Vomitive, and reviveth only the Purgative, and ſometimes it deſtroyes both, and quickens neither the Diuretick or Diaphoretick, &c. beſides that it Calcineth, Sublimeth and Diſſolveth *Minerals* and *Metals*. *Thirdly*, he adds the Uſe of Niter in *Artillery*; where he diſcourſes of the reaſon of the Compoſition and Force of *Gun-powder*, together with the Uſe and Office of every Ingredient of the ſame. *Fourthly* and laſtly, he ſets down the Uſes of Niter for *Refiners*, *Dyers* and *Cooks*.

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THe Author of the Diſcourſe concerning *Mineral waters*, in Numb. 60. beginning *p.* 1074, deſireth, that theſe lines may be inſerted *p.* 1081. after the word *Dyſenteries*, *l.* 19. *viz.* Neither do I think this water any thing the worſe becauſe of the *Alome*, but much the better for it in Hypochondriack maladies: For by its adſtringency it defends the Tone of the Liver and the other natural parts, which otherwiſe are apt to be debilitated by purging and penetrating medicines; it being, according to *Galen*'s advice, ever neceſſary to intermix ſome Adſtringents with Hepatick remedies; in Art. Med. c. 95. to which agree very good writers, antient and modern.

Errat. p. 1096. l. 2. r. *if he hit.*

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